

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
BRYSON CITY DIVISION  
2:11 CR 6**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Vs.**

**JEREMY A. DUCKWORTH.**

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**ORDER**

**THIS CAUSE** coming on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned on March 10, 2011 after a Rule 11 proceeding that was held before this court on March 8, 2011. It appearing to the court at the call of this matter on for hearing the defendant was present with his attorney, Fredilyn Sison and the government was present and represented through Assistant United States Attorney Corey Ellis. From the arguments of counsel for the defendant and the arguments of the Assistant United States Attorney and the records in this cause, the court makes the following findings:

**Findings.** On March 7, 2011 a bill of information was issued charging the defendant with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). On March 8, 2011, the undersigned held an inquiry, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and accepted a plea of guilty of the defendant to that charge. At the end of the Rule 11 proceeding, this court presented the issue of whether or not defendant was now required to be detained, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2). Counsel for defendant requested that the hearing of that issue

be continued until March 10, 2011 which motion was allowed by this court.

**Discussion.** 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) provides as follows:

(2) The judicial officer shall order that a person who has been found guilty of an offense in a case described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (f)(1) of section 3142 and is awaiting imposition or execution of sentence be detained unless ----

(A)(i) the judicial officer finds there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted; or

(ii) an attorney for the Government has recommended that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed on the person; or

(B) the judicial officer finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is not likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community.

From an examination of the records in this cause, it appears the defendant has now entered a plea of guilty on March 8, 2011 to possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). Defendant's counsel has agreed that is one of the crimes that is referenced under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(C). The undersigned made an inquiry of Assistant United States Attorney Corey Ellis as to whether or not there was going to be a recommendation that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed upon the defendant. Mr. Ellis advised the court that such a recommendation could not be made in this matter. As a result of the plea of guilty of defendant, the undersigned cannot find there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted. The undersigned can further not find

an attorney for the government has or will recommend that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed upon defendant. It would thus appear, and the court is of the opinion that the court is required to apply the factors as set forth under 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) which require the detention of defendant.

**ORDER**

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED**, that the terms and conditions of pretrial release in this matter are hereby **REVOKED** and it is **ORDERED** the defendant be detained pending further proceedings in this matter.

Signed: March 15, 2011

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Dennis L. Howell  
United States Magistrate Judge

